

Architectural Description

Lord Baltimore Elementary School (Tax Parcel 1-34-12-424.00) is a 1931, two-story, fifteen-bay brick institutional school building with an asphalt-shingle side-gable roof with hipped roof wings at the east and west ends. It is believed to be a Delaware School Auxiliary Association (DSAA) commissioned building. This school originally functioned as the high school for the Indian River School District.

Central entrance. The central entrance projects a few feet north of the main block and is one bay wide. On the first floor it has a contemporary double-leaf entrance with aluminum and glazed door with a single light transom above; it has a limestone surround with pilasters and a broken pediment. Above the window is an inset plaque with the name of the school. The second story has a wood Palladian window. This entire length of the school has brick quoins and is capped with a front gable; the wood cornice has partial returns. Above the entrance bay at the ridgeline is a wood square lantern with an oculus and balustrade with urns capped by a wood octagonal cupola with a weathervane. This original section of the building was constructed in 1931, per a datestone on the front façade.

Main block. Flanking the central entrance are two stories and two bays of paired wood windows with 8/8 sashes and paneled wood transoms. Four sets of windows form each of the two bays. Central limestone keystones cap the window on the first floor while the second floor windows about the wood cornice. A brick beltcourse runs between the first and second floors. A limestone beltcourse runs under the first floor windows.

Wings: The two-story wings project several feet north of the main block. Each wing forms one bay. The first floor on each end has one set of tripartite arch-head windows with wood sashes; the arches have the original wood infill. A brick beltcourse lies above the windows whereas a limestone beltcourse runs below them. The corners of the wings have brick quoins.

West façade. This façade is three bays deep. The central bay projects a few feet from the main block and is one bay wide; it has a double-leaf entrance on the ground floor, a wood sash 8/8 window on the first floor, and a wood sash 6/6 window on the second floor. The projection has brick quoins. Flanking the projection are three pairs of windows; the sashes are the same configuration as on the main façade. A brick beltcourse runs between the first and second floors; a limestone beltcourse runs under the first floor windows. The wing on this façade has a one-story flat-roof addition; there is one window in the same style as on the main façade and a brick beltcourse runs above the window just below the roofline.

c. 1950 Addition (main façade). To the east of the main building there is an Art Deco-inspired two-story, three-bay, brick addition with a flat roof. The main (north) façade features a slight central projection with brick quoins in which each of the three bays are contained. The central bay also slightly projects and has paired wood windows with 6/6 sash; a wood panel connects the first and second floor windows. Flanking the central bay are wood windows with 6/6 sash. Each window has a brick jack arch and limestone sills. The roofline has wood coping. The west façade has one bay of single wood windows, one bay of tripartite multi-light windows, and one, two-story, five-sided, brick, westward projection. To the west of the addition is a link building to the main building that also spans a driveway. It is brick with a flat roof with an opening on the north side.

Gymnasium (main façade). To the west of the main building is a two-story, three-bay, brick gymnasium with a segmental arch roof with a partial wood cornice return, built c. 1950, per a

datestone. Brick piers delineate the bays and the corners have brick quoins. The east bay of the main (north) façade has a double-leaf entrance with wood and glazed doors and a wood Colonial Revival surround; on the second floor there is a wood 6/6 window. The central bay has a circular insignia on the second floor and a louvered round opening above it. The west bay mirrors the east bay.

Sidewalks. Construction plans for the Delaware State Highway Department's Contract No. 322 indicate that 5-foot sidewalks existed in front of the school and 4-foot sidewalks were constructed to tie in to the existing ones in or around 1933. The original sidewalks can be seen in front of neighboring buildings but appear to have been replaced in front of the school; however, the footprint remains the same. As a result, the sidewalks were an original design element and are therefore included within the boundary.

Three modern educational trailers are seen south of the original core of the school. These single-story trailers feature a low-pitched asphalt-shingle gable roof, one-over-one vinyl sash windows, and aluminum exterior siding. Physical evidence suggests these trailers were likely brought to the school c. 1995 as overflow classroom space. The trailers are non-contributing elements within the property.

Southeast of the c. 1950 addition to the school is a mid-twentieth century barn. This structure is one and one-half stories in height with an asphalt-shingle, side gable roof, exposed wood rafters, and a wood weatherboard exterior. This structure is likely used to house maintenance equipment for the school. The barn is a non-contributing element within the property.

A baseball field and playground are located south of the school; a paved parking lot is located north of the baseball field. The front of the original core of the school features a concrete sidewalk and landscaped yard. The sidewalk and landscaping are contributing elements within the property.

Determination of Eligibility

The Lord Baltimore Elementary School (S-9133.001-.002) is recommended eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A (significance as an educational institution, commissioned by the DSSA and Pierre S. du Pont) and Criterion C (architectural significance as a Colonial Revival School). Commissioned by the Delaware School Auxiliary Association (DSAA), as established by Pierre S. du Pont, the Lord Baltimore School was constructed in 1931, with some pre-fabricated schoolrooms provided by the West Virginia saw mill of Minter Homes Corporation. Additions were made to the original portion of the school in 1950 for an educational wing and a gymnasium. The Lord Baltimore Elementary School is an eligible example of an institutional building constructed in a restrained Colonial Revival style. With balanced symmetry and a side-gable roof, and original materials, design, feeling and setting, free of modern unsympathetic alterations and additions along the front (north) façade, the Lord Baltimore School meets the established requirements for an eligible Colonial Revival property type as set forth in the Historical Context for the *Route 26 Eligibility Study* (Criterion C). Later examples (*circa* 1905-1940) of Colonial Revival architecture should show more restrained colonial-inspired features and a side-gable or cross-gable roof. Eligible examples of Colonial Revival buildings should be sited on lots which exhibit a suburban feeling (despite their rural location), with perhaps pedestrian sidewalks, paved driveways, and mature trees. The Lord Baltimore has a front pedestrian sidewalk and trees flanking the side additions, thus further contributing to its Colonial Revival feeling and setting.

While the Lord Baltimore Elementary School is not directly affiliated with people notable in local, state, or national history (Criterion B), it is nonetheless an important example of a du Pont school, constructed by the DSAA in Delaware for white Delaware schoolchildren (Criterion C). The Lord Baltimore School is an excellent example of the building campaign that took place over the entire state of Delaware during the early twentieth century to improve the state's educational facilities.

Owing to prior ground disturbance, there is little probability that new information will result from any archaeological testing performed in the vicinity of the property (Criterion D).

National Register Boundary and Justification

The existing tax parcel boundary set forth for the Lord Baltimore School (Tax Parcel 1-34-12-424.00) serves as the boundary for the property. This boundary sufficiently encompasses the historic acreage of the school, sidewalk, playground and buildings to maintain the setting and feeling of the Colonial Revival du Pont school. This boundary was prepared in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the National Register Bulletin: "Defining Boundaries for National Register Properties."

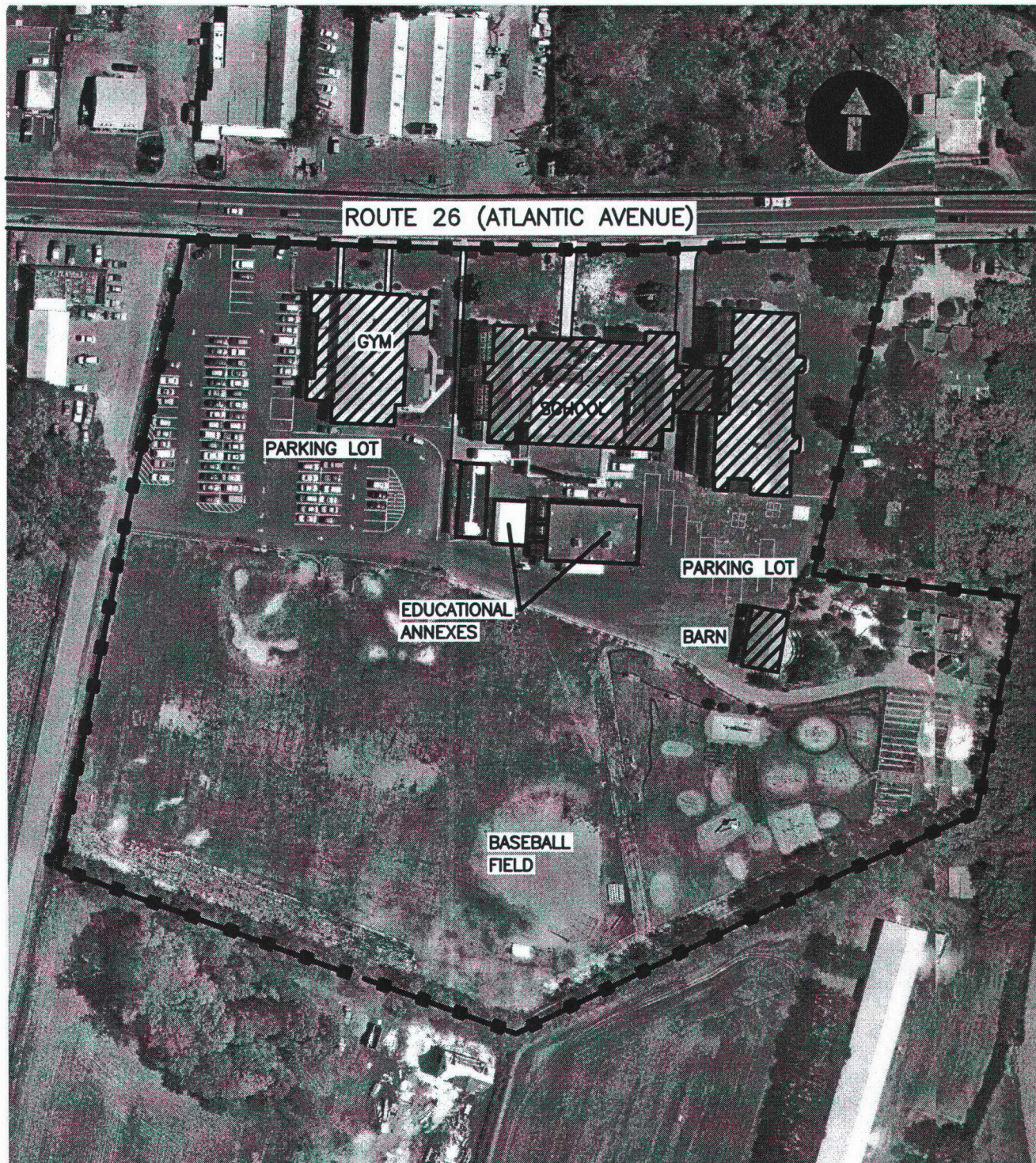
The Period of Significance for the Lord Baltimore Elementary School is c. 1931 (when the core of the school was initially constructed) to c. 1950, when the educational wing and gymnasium were constructed. The school, educational wing, gymnasium, sidewalk, and other landscaping features are therefore contributing features to the resource. The trailers and barn are non-contributing elements within the property.

Section 8

Sketch Plan:

Show relationship to main building and provide sketch plan of outbuilding.

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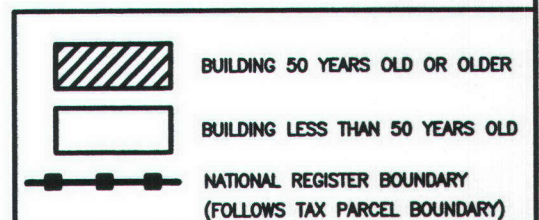


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Surveyor: McCormick, Taylor & Associates, Inc.

Date of Form: July 2003

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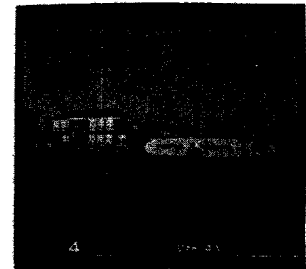
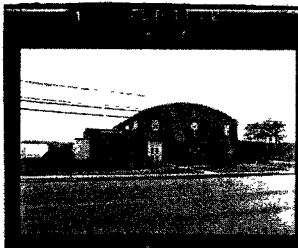
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Photographic Inventory**

CRS# S-9133 Date March 2002 Contact # C-18 Surveyor Jennifer
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Seavey

Description C-18: (1) Lateral view, looking south; (2) 1950 gym, side facade, looking east; (3)
1950 gym, rear facade, looking north; (4) Rear facades, looking northeast

Negative Location (if other than SHPO) MTA-PHL

Attach contact print(s):



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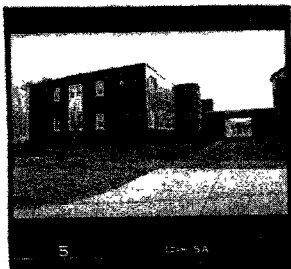
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Description C-18: (5) 1950 addition, looking south/southeast; (6) 1950 gym, side facade,
looking east

C-13: (36) Lord Baltimore School, looking southwest

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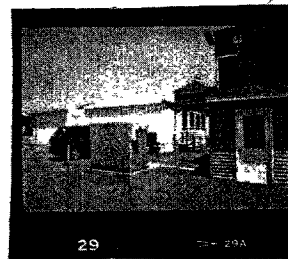
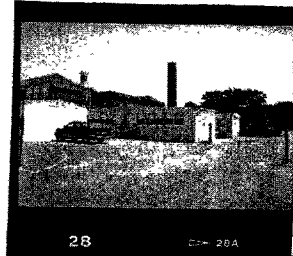
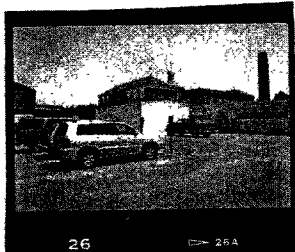
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Description (26) Educational trailers, lateral view facing northeast; (28) Educational trailers,
lateral view facing northeast; (29) Educational trailers, lateral view facing northwest

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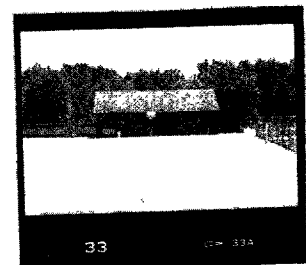
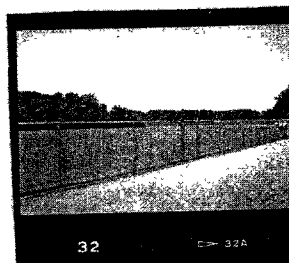
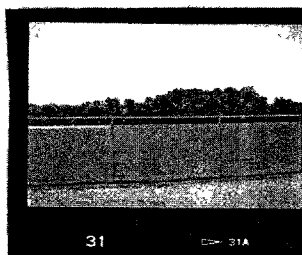
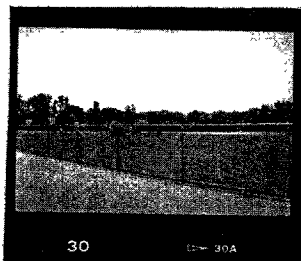
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Description

(30) Baseball field/playground, facing southeast; (31) Baseball field/playground, facing south; (32)
Baseball field/playground, facing southwest; (33) Storage barn, facing east

Negative Location (if other than SHPO) MTA-PHL

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Cultural Resource Survey
Survey Update Form

CRS # S-9714
SPO Map 20-21-07
Hundred Baltimore
Quad Bethany Beach
Zone Coastal
Acreage 5.5 Acres

1. Name of Property: Mariners Bethel United Methodist Church (Tax Parcel 1-34-12-646.00)
2. Address of Property: 81 Central Avenue, east side, Ocean View, DE 19970
3. Current Condition: fair ☐ excellent: ☐ good ☐
poor ☐ demolished ☒
4. Architectural Integrity: The original 1859 portion of the church has been demolished. The 1959 renovations remain and a large new building is under construction in 2003.
5. Setting Integrity: Cemetery adjacent; surrounding area contains commercial and residential properties.
6. Historic Context Information: construction date 1859; 1959; 2003 (per datestones)
chronological period(s) 1630-1730+/- ☐ 1730-1770+/- ☐
1770-1830+/- ☐ 1830-1880+/- ☐ 1880-1940+/- ☒
historic theme(s) Religion; Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts
property type(s) Church
7. Evaluation: eligible: Yes ☐ No ☒ Potential ☐ Unknown ☐
area(s) of significance _____
NR criteria _____
8. Forms Added: Photographic Inventory Card
9. Surveyor: Lara Otis/Elizabeth Harvey/Katie Post Date of Form: July 2003
Principal Investigator: Francine Arnold Date: July 2003

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Cultural Resource Survey
Survey Update Form

CRS # S-9708
SPO Map 20-21-07
Hundred Baltimore
Quad Bethany Beach
Zone Coastal
Acreage 2.97 acres

1. Name of Property: Joseph C. Raskauskas House (Tax Parcel 1-34-13-23.00)

2. Address of Property: 29 Atlantic Avenue (north side), Ocean View, DE

3. Current Condition: fair ☐ excellent: ☐ good ☐
poor ☐ demolished ☒

4. Architectural Integrity: _____

5. Setting Integrity: _____

6. Historic Context Information: construction date _____
chronological period(s) 1630-1730+/- ☐ 1730-1770+/- ☐
1770-1830+/- ☐ 1830-1880+/- ☐ 1880-1940+/- ☐

historic theme(s) _____

property type(s) _____

7. Evaluation: eligible: Yes ☐ No ☒ Potential ☐ Unknown ☐
area(s) of significance _____
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9. Surveyor: Charles A. Richmond Date of Form: July 2003
Principal Investigator: Francine F. Arnold Date: July 2003

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